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RETAIL OUTLETS FOR AGRO PRODUCTS AT STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are planning to set up retail outlets for agro products at railway stations across the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways purchase milk, fruits, vegetables and other products of farmers through these outlets at minimum support price;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the stations selected for setting up such retail outlets and the time by which these are likely to set up; and

(f) the benefits likely to be accrued to the passengers therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (f) A policy to promote Agriculture Products collection and distribution outlets with backward integration of transportation is under active consideration. A committee of Executive Directors has been formed to prepare a concept paper for above policy frame work. The farmers as well as the economy in general will be benefited by this policy.